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SUBJECT: FAR LEFT SWAMPS STUDENT ELECTIONS

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1. SUMMARY. STUDENT ELECTIONS TOOK PLACE QUIETLY NOVEMBER 9 ON HIGHER EDUCATION CAMPUSES THROUGHOUT GREECE. AS EXPECTED, TURNOUT OF STUDENT VOTERS WAS LIGHT - WELL UNDER FIFTY PERCENT OF ENROLLED STUDENTS - AND CANDIDATES OF VARIOUS FAR LEFT FACTIONS WON A MAJORITY OF STUDENT COUNCIL SEATS IN MOST SCHOOLS. END SUMMARY

2. FROM THE JUMBLE OF FRAGMENTARY PRESS REPORTS ON SATURDAY'S CAMPUS ELECTIONS, ESTIA PRESENTS THE MORE INTELLIGIBLE STATISTICS, REPORTING THAT AT MOST SCHOOLS IN GREECE DISTINCT MINORITIES OF REGISTERED STUDENTS VOTED. EXAMPLES IT CITED ARE 2,406 VOTES CAST FROM 17,500 ENROLLED STUDENTS IN ATHENS LAW SCHOOL; 2,266 VOTES FROM 5,300 MEDICAL STUDENTS IN ATHENS; 1,118 VOTING AT PANTIOS SCHOOL WITH ENROLLMENT OF 7,000. CITYWIDE FIGURE FOR THESSALONIKI INDICATES THAT ABOUT ONE THIRD OF STUDENTS VOTED.

3. MOST VICTORIOUS CANDIDATES BEAR A MARXIST OR PASOK

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AFFILIATION. FOR EXAMPLE, OF 203 STUDENT SEATS ELECTED IN

ATHENS AND PIRAEUS, ESTIA REPORTS THAT ONLY 18 WENT TO  
AVOWED SUPPORTERS OF NEW DEMOCRACY. PASOK-ORIENTED STUDENTS  
CLAIMED 43 AND THE BALANCE OF 142 WENT TO VARIOUS MARXIST GROUPS.

4. COMMENT: POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS ESTIA ATTRIBUTES TO  
WINNING STUDENTS MAY BE SOMEWHAT ARBITRARY. RADICAL  
STUDENTS HAVE WON A CLEAR MAJORITY BUT EACH STUDENT COUNCIL IS  
SO FRAGMENTED AMONG VARIOUS FAR LEFT CONTINGENTS THAT NO GROUP  
HAS A WORKING MAJORITY, THUS MAKING PROBLEMATIC WHETHER FAIRLY  
UNITED STUDENT CONSENSUS OR SQUABBLING FACTIONS WILL NOW  
NEGOTIATE WITH FACULTIES AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ON  
STUDENTS' DEMANDS FOR RADICAL CHANGES IN SCHOOLS.  
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